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1. Most medical doctors worked for the state about four hours per day, six days per week. Their earnings for this service approximated 500 to 600 forints monthly. Medical doctors working for the state on a full time basis could earn from 1,500 to 3,000 forints monthly. All medical doctors practiced privately after their regular state hours and their total income was not readily computable. An average visit to a general practitioner's office cost between 30 and 50 forints. Visits to dental offices usually cost a patient about 25 or 30 forints for each tooth worked on or filled.
2. Attorneys at law in private practice earned an average of 2,000 to 3,000 forints monthly. Attorneys daring enough to accept difficult or potentially hazardous cases could earn as much as 5,000 forints per month.
3. The following categories of workers earned wages per month as follows:

Store clerks	600 - 800 forints
Store managers	1,200 forints
Bus drivers	800 - 1,200 forints
Truck drivers	800 - 1,200 forints
Factory helpers	600 - 800 forints
Cleaners	600 - 800 forints
Movers	600 - 800 forints
General helpers	600 - 800 forints
Skilled factory workers	800 - 1,200 forints

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Typists	800 - 1,000 forints
Engineers	1,200 - 3,000 forints
Time study men	1,200 - 1,500 forints
Referees	1,200 forints
Head referees	1,500 forints
Class leaders *	1,800 forints
Head class leaders *	2,200 - 2,500 forints
Factory and office directors	3,000 forints (class A)

* Similar to group leader, gang leader, or straw boss.

4. I recall the cost of food items as follows:

1 liter	milk	3.60 forints
1 kilo	butter	72 forints
1 kilo	coffee	400 forints
1 kilo	cocoa	360 forints
2 kilo	bread	5.60 forints
2 kilo	chicken	35 forints
1 kilo	pork	20 forints
1 kilo	beef	20 forints
1/4 kilo	raspberries	5.40 forints
1/4 kilo	melons	6 forints
1 kilo	peas, canned	7.80 forints
1 kilo	peas, frozen	14 forints
1 kilo	beans, brown	18 forints
1 kilo	potatoes	2.60 - 2.80 forints
1 kilo	cauliflower	5.60 forints
1 kilo	sugar	12.60 forints

5. I recall that items of clothing cost as follows:

1	suit, man's tailor-made	1,200 forints
1	suit, man's ready-made	600 - 1,200 forints
Pair	shoes, man's summer	172 forints
Pair	boots, leather	800 forints
1	necktie	17 - 70 forints
Pair	men's socks	14 - 38 forints
1	hat, man's wool	70 - 80 forints
1	hat, man's rabbit	180 - 200 forints
1	shirt, man's poplin	100 - 250 forints
1 pair	stockings, women's, Hungarian nylon	170 forints
1 pair	stockings, women's, American-made	200 forints
	nylon, when available	
1 pair	shoes, women's, manufactured	400 forints
1 pair	shoes, women's very cheap grade, lasting only several months	120 forints
1 pair	shoes, woman's handmade of very fine leather	600 - 800 forints
1	skirt	40 forints
1	suit, woman's summer	200 forints

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